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Aman Votes for Transportation Package



Measure Passes House of Representatives; Heads to Senate

HARTFORD- The state House of Representatives today passed a landmark 10-year, \$2.3 billion transportation package, which was agreed upon by Governor M. Jodi Rell and legislative Democrats. The bill provides for a massive overhaul and improvement of Connecticut's highways and mass transit in all corners of the state. It also manages to do this without instituting tolls or increasing taxes. Representative Bill Aman (R-South Windsor) voted for the measure.

"This transportation package makes critical upgrades to the entire state's transportation infrastructure," said Representative Aman. "The state of Connecticut's transportation infrastructure has been over-burdened for years. Not only has it meant frustrating commutes for Connecticut motorists, but it has helped obstruct Connecticut's economic growth. This bill makes important commitments to increasing the efficiency of our roadways and railways."

Items scheduled for immediate implementation in the bill are environmental planning for expansion on I-95 from Branford to the Rhode Island border, funding of capital costs for the Hartford Highway, a preliminary design for widening I-84 between Danbury and Waterbury, as well as planning for improvements to Routes 2 and 2A, the expansion of Route 9, and upgrading of the Pequot Bridge.

The bill also implements a New Britain – Hartford bus way, rail car renovation for use on Shore Line East, and the New Haven-Springfield Line, as well as parking and stations for those lines.

Approximately \$1 billion of the cost for the project will be bonded, while the remainder of the cost will be paid for by the federal government and gross receipts tax on petroleum products. The gross receipts tax will not be increased.

The bill now heads to the Senate for action there.